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FILE 582-925 PM913

RE: PM 913 Continuous Method for Denitrating Tobacco Extracts
Your file 582-925

Dear Terri:

Enclosed is a copy of the above noted application as mailed to the USPTO today. Please note that the application as received from FTR, was attached to the informal drawing, declaration, assignment, and the notary certificate. We felt it was better to let the patent office detach the items such as the assignment, rather than do it here. The formal drawing will be noted in the transmittal letter and submitted with the application (unattached).

Mr. Mandiratta sent the results of the German Patent Office search for the corresponding application of PM 913 which is presently pending and I am in the process of trying to locate English language equivalents. When this is done, I shall send you the references so that they can be incorporated in a prior art statement which I would like for you to prepare at your convenience. I shall check our files to determine whether there is other art not discussed in the specification, that should also be included in the Rule 98 Statement.

We must reach a decision quickly regarding whether to claim the priority of the two Luxemburg applications per Art Palmers memo to H. Kothe dated 29 April. I now have certified ribboned copies of both of the earlier Luxemburg filings so can attend to the priority claim if you recommend it. It is necessary to reach a decision now because of foreign filing details that must be attended to in the next few weeks. Please call so we can discuss this.

I really appreciate your efforts in revising the application and getting it in final form for filing. I shall keep you posted on future developments in this application.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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cc: A. Palmer

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